

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISTRICT POVERTY INITIATIVES PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has inspected and assessed the ongoing projects to uplift the standard of living of the villagers of backward districts of Karnataka under District Poverty Initiatives Programme (DPIP);
- (b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether the Government are considering to seek more assistance from the World Bank for extending the projects in Karnataka and in other States; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (PAWAN KUMAR BANSA)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. There is currently no World Bank assisted project on District Poverty Initiatives Programme (DPIP) in Karnataka.
- (c) & (d) A Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project with World Bank assistance is currently under implementation and two projects for improving Rural Livelihoods are under preparation, one each in the States of Bihar and Orissa. Other States will be taken up as and when they send their proposals.